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The Honorable John R. Anderson, District Judge
Eighth Judicial District Court
147 East Main Street
VERNAL UT 84078

Re: Uinta Basin General Adjudication--
1999 Interim Distribution Schedule,
Duchesne County Civil No. 560800056CV

Dear Judge Anderson:

Enclosed for your consideration are courtesy copies of a Motion of the State Engineer and a proposed interim Order to govern distribution of water on the Duchesne-Strawberry River System for the 1999 irrigation season. The originals have been filed with the Clerk in Duchesne. As you may recall from the Hearings on this matter in the past, distribution of this drainage has been regulated under Order of this Court as part of the pending statutory adjudication action in Duchesne County during those years when there is anticipated to be insufficient water to satisfy existing rights. Unfortunately, current snowpack data indicates that an interim distribution Order may again be necessary for the 1999 irrigation season--although it may not be necessary for the River Commissioner to initiate the regulated distribution until later this summer. Nevertheless, we feel it prudent to have the Order in effect should it be needed.

Based on the procedure we have used for the past several years, we are hereby submitting the Motion and proposed Order to the Court, and we are mailing copies of the same to attorneys and others who have expressed an interest in the distribution schedule

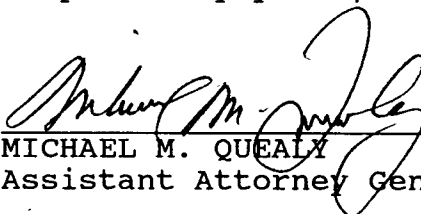
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over the years (along with a copy of this letter). You will notice that the Motion, Order and distribution schedule are virtually identical to those submitted and approved last by the Court in 1996. In 1997 and 1998, an abundant water supply made it unnecessary to place the River System on regulation. Further, as set forth in the Motion, the distribution schedule was discussed with representatives of the Duchesne-Strawberry Water Users at their annual distribution meeting on February 3, 1999, and there was no objection.

If any objections are filed to the proposed Order, we would ask that the Court set the matter for Hearing as soon as reasonably possible. I will check with the Court Administrator in that regard. If no objections are filed, I will file a Notice to Submit for Decision.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully yours,



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Enclosures

ccw/encls: All Counsel and Interested Parties of Record

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